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First Named Inventor	PAYNE
Art Unit	2856
Examiner Name	Williams / Frank
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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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Group Art: 2856

Serial No. 09/900,188

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Dear Sir:

We submit the attached amendments and request Continued Examination.

REMARKS

Our amendments for this RCE change the concept of our invention from one of a device to that of a method. This eliminates our competing with the invention of the temperature sensitive, color changing pigments and it claims a method of use of those pigments.

Respectfully submitted,

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